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BLAZE DESOLATES CITY IN LOUISIANA

Lake Charl in Ruins, with 5,000 Homeless.

LOSS OF FOUR MILLION

Pine Structures Go Up Like dresses before foreign scientific societies. Paper in Wind.

Fire Breaks Out in Afternoon at Old French Opera House in Heart of 15,000 Population, and Spreads Futile, Though Dynamire Is Used.

Lake Charles, La., April 23.-Fire has practically destroyed this city of 15,000 inhabitants. The property loss at 7 o'clock is estimated by insurance underwriters at \$4,000,000. Five thousand persons are homeless. While temporary camps have been crected beyond the fire area, yet there is much suffering among the hundreds of homeless. The town is burned bare of food.

Special trains carrying provisions are on their way here from near-by HUMAN RIGHTS A THEME

STARTS IN OPERA HOUSE,

The fire started at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the old French Opera House almost in the center of the city's business district. A fierce gale fanned the flames into a giant blaze, and almost before the work of combating them was streets lined with business houses, leaving a path of absolute rain. In an hour's time thirty squares had been swept clean. The entire business section of the city, made up largely of splendid new buildings, was destroyed.

The flames spread on into the residen tial section of the city's beautiful homes many of which were built early in the last century, and those were burned down in the flash of all eye. Ryan street, the aristocratic residence thoroughfare, flames attacked the first home

Ryan street residences.

One of Oldest Cities.

Lake Charles is one of the oldest con munities in America, yet it is practically a new city. It is the center of the great lumber industry, while much of the rice consumed in all parts of the world is

of homeless persons to-night. Hundreds Every woman's club on both sides of the went without the evening meal. Others Seine had, it seemed, turned out to see partook of rice from near-by mills. This the ex-President enter the historic uni-The night is cold, but bonfires will avert strongly as fervent waiters outside the suffering from this cause. Every big community in the State is

town will be rebuilt immediately,

DIRECTORS LACK QUORUM.

Chamber Board Will Meet Monday to Hear Committee Report. A quorum of members was lacking a

the meeting of the directors of the Cham ber of Commerce yesterday called to consider a report from the committee on con The subject was discussed informally by

the directors who went to the meeting, but owing to the small attendance another meeting was called for Monday at 4:15 o'clock, when the same subject will

Duelists Miss Four Times.

Paris, April 23 .- In consequence of a quarrel during the debate at the fast campaign meeting of Mme. Durand, who is a candidate for the Chamber of Deputies, a duel was fought this morning between M. Afraysse, a barrister of the Court of Appeals, and M. Laroche, a subeditor of the newspaper Noutelles, of which Mme. Durand is editress. Four shots were exchanged. Neither man was hit.

Flies Over Paris.

Paris, April 23 .- Dubonnet, using a Tellier monoplane, flew to-day from Juvisy to the Plaine Bagatelle, near Paris. He passed over the Champs Elysses at a height of 180 feet at a speed of 70 kilometers.

Tremor at Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 23.-What are believed to have been earthquake shocks were felt here to-day. The tremors were very slight. They were felt at interval between 7 and 10:25 o'clock.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

* For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia-Unsettled weather to-day and probably to-morrow; cooler to-day; light to moderate variable winds.

PEARY GETS LEAVE.

Granted Six Months from Navy for Foreign Lectures.

Robert E. Peary, the arctic explorer, was yesterday granted six months' leave absence by the Navy Department, with permission to go abroad.

Mr. Peary will make a series of ad-

WOMAN TAKES ACID.

Mrs. Frank Stewart Unsuccessful in Suicide Attempt.

Louise Stewart, wife of Frank Stewart, attempted suicide at her home, 1524 Thirty-second street, by drinking carbolic So Rapidly that People Are Forced acid shortly before last midnight. The to Flee for Lives and Combat Is Seventh precinct station was notified, and the woman was removed to Georgetown University Hospital.

She will be able to leave the hospital to-day, it was stated at the institution last night.

No reason could be learned fir her act.

French Cabinet and Men of Science Hear Him.

Come First in Conflict with Property, He Declares.

under way, fire was hissing through Race Snielde, Moneyed Interest, Average Citizenship, Pessimism, Idleness, Toil, and Freedom as Exemplified by the Republican Form of Government Are Some of Former President's Topics in Address.

the Sorbonne this afternoon. Here Roose- dreamy waltz, Miss Fiske suddenly comvelt was evidently in his own element Resistance against the flames was fu- The function at the institute, which altile. It was not until dynamite had been most immediately preceded that at the resorted to that breaches in the fire's Sorbonne, had seemed in a way to repress path stayed the rush of flame. By this his natural ebullience. In the oak-wainstime, however, practically every desirable cotted chamber of the Academie Franhome in the residential district and big caise, lined with statues and busts and buildings in the business section had portraits of Corneille, Mohare, Monbeen destroyed. Special trains bringing taigne, Lafontaine, and other such men, fire apparatus from Jennings, La., Alex- whose names are the glory of French andria, La., and Orange, Tex., were dis- literature, and surrounded by a group of for William H. English, president of the patched, but long before their arrival undemonstrative elderly savants, whose club, to intimate that Mr. Depew was the flames had done the most of their cupped hands had to come to the aid of really more than nineteen to-day; in fact, their failing ears when their interest was Among the public buildings destroyed sufficiently aroused to make them listen. were the new courthouse and city hall. With the small, quiet audience, whose The Catholic church and convent that silent enjoyment of Prof. Boutroux's have stood under three governments were charming talk was only marred by the burned. The old St. Claire Hotel fell activity of three of their number, who a victim to the flames. Heirlooms of were trying to secure photographs of priceless value were destroyed in several Roosevelt, seated in silence save for a brief ten minutes, Roosevelt hardly had

Jams at Sorbonne.

At the Sorbonne, however, it was another story. On arriving half an hour before the doors closed one found the sidewalk on either side of the entrance The temporary camps on the outskirts packed from curb to wall-with a dense crowd, most of whom were women. was boiled in big caldrons in the camps. versity. The crowd suggested nothing so doors when a matinee idol is to appear within. It was somewhat of a surprise sending offers of aid to the sufferers. The to find every one of them armed with a ticket. They were the audience, and touched upon. within a short time it could be realized that no more fit audience could have beer selected than these enthusiastic, fresh oung minds to listen to Roosevelt's stiring preaching.

There were hundreds of older people mong the 3,000 who filled the amphitheater, but the women outnumbered the

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HALLEY'S COMET.

DAILY BULLETIN. April 34.—Helley's comet rises to-day 3:09

a. m.; rises to-merrow 3:96 a. m. Sun rises 5:3t a. m. Comet's speed to-day about 1,822 miles per niaute, which is about the speed of the swiftest planet, Mercury, which files at 1,775 miles per minute; Venus, 1,300; carth, 1,163. The comet is to-day almost directly approaching the earth at this speed, hence growing rapidly in apparent size. The comet to-day reaches the extreme limit of its westward movement among the stars of the constellation P a little east of Omega and south of the southeast corner of the Great Square of Pegasus. It now enters an immense fourney eastward, which will soon carry it to Orion, where it was discovered last September. Position, right ascension, 23 hours 52 minutes; declination, 8 degrees north of celestial equator, (Copyright, 1910, by Frederic Campbell,)

Grand \$1.00 Excursion Sunday, May 1.

Baltimore & Ohio R. R.

To Frederick, Keedysville, and Hagerstown from Union Station at 8:00 a. m.,

ICE CREAM POISONS SCORE OF DANCERS

Fancy Dress Ball Comes to Unpleasant Termination

AT POTOMAC BOATMOUSE

Younger Society Folk Have the Scare of Their Lives.

Greatest Secrecy Maintained by Members of Club in Regard to Disastrous Results, but Several Tell Interesting Stories of Scenes on Ballroom Floor-Fortunate Ones Administer Aid to the Sick.

lusive fancy dress ball at the Potomac Boat Club Friday evening and gave a score or more of Washington's younger society folk the scare of their lives.

Ice cream, served when the gayety of the occasion was at its height, was relancers and brought the party to a suden and somewhat unpleasant termina-

Miss Ruth Fiske, a charming debutante of this scason, was most seriously ill, and for a time her condition was regarded as dangerous. Though compelled to cancel the remainder of her dance programme, Miss Fiske refused medical assistance and went to her home at the conclusion of the affair. She was much improved yesterday and no further ill effects are anticipated.

Taken Seriously III,

Miss Anita Parker, of M street, was als dancers, boys and girls alike, confessed to feeling "funny" and were most willing to return to their homes at the closing strains of "Home, Sweet Home."

The greatest storecy was maintained by members of the club in regard to the dance and its disastrous results, but few who were least affected and were inlined to treat the matter lightly told nteresting stories yesterday of what transpired after the fateful ice cream was served. According to the reports gathered from

Paris, April 23.-The Roosevelt ridal after refreshments were served were so pitiful as to be almost laughable

morning and has been growing in force the first to feel any ill-effects from the was a path of ruin in an hour after the ever since, reached high-water mark at ice cream. As she was gliding through a

> Continued on Page 2, Column 1. MONTAUKS HONOR DEPEW.

In Birthday Speech Senator Touches

on All Subjects. New York, April 23.-As the menu Chauncey M. Depew celebrated his nine teenth birthday dinner at the Montauk Club, in Brooklyn, to-night. It was left that he was about to set out upon his seventy-sixth year. The Senator said in

Fifty-four years in public and semi-public life enlargement to the mind, and satisfaction in its which all tend to length of years and usefulnes. Literature, industry, bank panies, inventions, high prices, and longevity were

SHAKLETON TELLS IT OVER.

Admiral Melville Among SpellboundAuditors in Philadelphia,

Philadelphia, April 23.-The audience that filled the Academy of Music to-night was found in a semiconscious condition. went with Sir Ernest H. Shackleton, the The sheriff was at once notified and at Chevy Chase, and after the match was English lieutenant who reached fartthest south in the search for the south pole, in imagination on that eventful trip. The theater was thronged with scientists and men of letters, who followed with interest the story of the trip and the moving picture illustrations. In the audience were many i,f not all, members of the Geographical Siciety and their families. The explorers who attended his dinner or Friday night were all there, and Admiral High Food Has Strange Ef-Melville was in the front row. Lieut. Shackleton was introduced by

Henry G. Bryant, president of the Geo graphical Society.

HELD AS TRAITORS.

Havana, April 23.-The government's denials of race troubles were rendered that 1,000,000-odd barrels of beer more formed on tariff matters than ever beabsurd last night, when "Gon." Estenoz, were taxed during March than February, provinces is disconcerting the plans of the most \$1,809,000. negro leaders, and it frightened Estenoz, order to secure proper recognition.

Largest Morning Circulation.

CRUCIFIED AS SPY AND **CROWNED WITH THORNS**

Frenzied Alien Miners Take Life of Man After Method of Thieves in Bible Story.

Mob Is Encountered.

Desert Grounds.

At the Chevy Chase clubhouse Mr. Taft

declared that he and Senator Bourne

could beat Mr. Kellogg and Gen. Ed-

The President keeps his golfing clothe

dential Election, He Says.

New York, April 23 .- Ex-Gov. Joseph W.

ahead but a sweeping Democratic victor

"There's no question as to the feeling

\$1.25-Baltimore and Return. Baltimore & Ohio R. R.

both ways, both days, except Royal Lim-

he political wind

pecial to The Washington Herald.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 23.—Barbarity making a round-up of the perpetrators, nembers of the club, the scenes enacted of biblical times was patterned to-day when George Rabish, a mine employe, of In going back to the town about twenty the Pittsburg and Washington Coa! Company, was dragged from his bed, at Avella, Pa., a small mining town, and

crucified. and almost lifeless, was taken down by mine Supt. Boggs and a detail of police ing and Lake Erle Railroad, and deputable.

Four Slav miners were arrested and fined each \$100 and costs. During the mines are closed down and an appeal has taking of the deposition was deferred. night the foreigners held a meeting, con-

crying, "Death to the traitor." Charged with Being Spy. It is claimed by the men that Rabish s a spy for the company and has been TAFT GOLFS IN RAIN.

the cause of several being discharged recently. He was dragged from his beto the scene of the assault on Frida; afternoon. Pleading with the men to spare his life, he was kicked and beaten. Finally the leader of the mob decided that they would crucify the man, and Tait in his disregard for nasty weather. a crown of thorns was brought and Just to show that he did not mind a placed upon his head. They pushed the little thing like a downpour of rain, the thorns into the man's brow until the President yesterday played golf out on blood coursed down his body, from the links at Chevy Chase for more than which the clothing had been stripped. a half hour through a driving rain, accross of mine timber was made. With thousands of people in downtown Washropes the mob hauled the man upon the ingion indoors and kept them there, eross and bound him hand and foot. The President started out for his golf after which huge spikes were driven game shortly before 3 o'clock. With him through the palms of his hands, and the were Senator Bourne, Frank B. Kellogg. crowd then sang and danced about the the trust buster, and Brig. Gen. Clarence body for more than two hours. During R. Edwards. Although rain had threatthis time, stones were hurled at the ened all day, the President said go ahead

body bound to the cross, while many and the four went. imes long cuts were made across the lower limbs with knives. The miners then returned to the town. but refused to go to work. A search wards. They didn't, but they tied them was made by the mine officials, aided and had the half-hour tramp through the by the police, and shortly after the body wer.

over he changed to dry raiment before he motored back to town. Apparently, he wasn't a bit discomfited by the fact that he was soaked through and through. IS BEER INCREASE FOLK PREDICTS LANDSLIDE. Democrats Sure to Win Next Presi-

fect on Revenue Figures.

The high cost of living or the cost of next fall. high living has not affected the sale of beer in this country-has, in fact, rather all over the country," said Mr. Folk. Many Cuban Negroes Arrested on improved it, according to the figures "People are disappointed in President given out at the Internal Revenue Bureau. Taft. They are angry at the makers of The monthly report of the Burcau shows the tariff law. They are better in-

The corporation tax brought to the govwho yesterday visited Mr. Jackson, the ernment during March \$54,295.72. In Feb- the next President of the United States face with his nails and smashing his hat American minister, and reiterated to him ruary the tax amounted to \$71,281.72, and his peaceful intentions. He declared that in January \$6,946.06. The total receipts Democrat having a good chance even Ohio, a court gave each parent possession the negroes were simply organizing for from internal revenue for March were against the colonel." the purpose of winning at the polls in given at \$22,311,182.56, an increase of \$2,383,-628.06 over February.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return

STORK WINS RACE

Lunningham

Day's Progress in Murder Trial Favors Defendant.

summoned fifty citizens to aid him in beat the lawyers in the Hyde case to the Mrs. Caroline Kelly Laird at a conshots were fired and three men slightly a friend of the Hydes, and at whose wounded. Four of the Slavs were ar- house they claim to have dined on The case was so pertinent to the prorested and are being held on a murder Thanksgiving Day. It was on that occa-Avella is on the main line of the Wheel- introduced infected water to the dining

guard to protect the citizens from the with the Swopes on that occasion, Mrs. business, but Mrs. Sarah B. C. Morgan, On Friday afternoon, as Rabish was pillaging of their places by the frenzied Cleary was subpoensed for the defense. State regent of Georgia, brought it before leaving the mines, he was attacked by foreigners, who roam the streets singing It was agreed among the attorneys that the house a crowd of foreigners and dragged to and screaming. A posse was formed late her deposition should be taken instead of She called attention to the fact that the edge of town, where he was beaten Saturday afternoon to guard against a requiring her appearance in court. Just Mrs. Amos G. Draper had called for a and stoned, but was rescued by day lynching. The four men arrested were as the attorneys were ready to start for reconsideration at the last session, and removed to the Washington jail for safe- the Cleary shome this afternoon, word keeping. Great excitement prevails. The came that a son had arrived, and the unines are closed down and an appeal has taking of the deposition was deferred. "It is only right and proper, in behalf been sent out by the sheriff to have the Miss Anna Houlahan, on cross-exami- of the dignity of the States, this amendsuming large quantities of beer and citizens aid to put down the riotous men nation to-day, testified that, though have ment be adopted," she said. "I cannot whisky, and marched through the town in as peaceable manner as possible. Many ing had experience for a year and a half conceive that you could differ in this, if lared that had she known or even sus. ment, I am sure. sected that the charts were to be used Mrs. Samuel W. Jamison, of Virginia, Plays at Chevy Chase After Others

Miss Houlahan further testified that right to elect its own regent without in-Christman Swope had a temperature of 107 4-5 degrees shortly before he died. When asked by Mr. Walsh if 108 degrees of temperature was not deadly, she replied, "That would be a high tempera

Questioned with regard to the candy which the State endeavored to intimate to the jury the day before had caused Stella Swope to fall ill with typhold fever. Miss Houlahan declared that all her right hand, which, owing to bloodshe saw was Dr. Hyde give the box of peisoning, may have to be amputated at candy to Stella. She did not see Stella or any other person eat this candy, but the Oldforge High School. When whipsaid that there was candy at all times in a dish in the sitting-room of the Swope come. All members of the family at candy from this dish, including herself. Court adjourned until Monday morning

under cross-examination. WESTON NEAR COLLAPSE.

with Miss Houlahan still on the stand

The Aged Coast-to-coast Pedestrian Stops for Sunday Rest. Utica, April 23.-Suffering extreme pair

and in a state of approaching collapse, Edward Payson Weston, who is walkng from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast, ate to-night put up at a hotel at Vernon, fifteen miles west of Utica, and will spend Sunday there.

An attack of indigestion cost him several hours to-day. He walked only sev-Folk, of Missouri, who came to town to enteen miles and about thirty-two miles attend the Missouri Society dinner and in the past twenty-four hours. He hopes talk over the political situation with a to be able to continue toward New York few Eastern friends, can see nothing at midnight Sunday.

CHILD FIGHTS ITS FATHER.

Scene in Court Where Mother Loses Contest for Possession. Special to The Washington Herald.

Roanoke, Va., April 23.-In court at Bluefield, W. Va., to-day Judge Hernfore in the history of the country. They don issued a writ compelling Mrs. James the black agitator, and many other ne- and that for the nine months of the fiscal know that part of the high cost of living Henderson to surrender her five-year-old groes were arrested for sedition. The year the increase in the beer tax over is due to excessive protection. The Foss son to Henderson. The father took the government's dispatch of troops to the the corresponding period of 1909 was al. and Havens victories are the straws in child and carried it, screaming, kicking, gagements made it difficult to fix on a and scratching, from the building. It "Out in Misscuri people believe that fought viciously, cutting Henderson's will be Roosevelt or a Democrat, with a Some months ago, in Franklin County of the child three months at a time. Mrs. Henderson went to Bluefield and refused

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D. A. R. REGULARS WIN BY FOUR VOTES

Amendment for Election in Own States Fails.

FINAL BATTLE IS WARM

War Waged Between Factions in California Delegation.

Repeated Efforts Made by Administration Daughters to Sidetrack Reconsideration of the Proposed Change in Constitution-Vote Demanded by President General Is Lost to the Insurgents.

After six stormy days, the Continental Congress came to an end last night with a vitriolic debate over amendments to the constitu-

The regulars won by four votes in an attempt by the insurgents to amend the constitution so as to allow the States to elect their own regents in State conferences without the indorsement of the national gathering.

The amendment was defeated on Thursday, but it came up yesterday on a motion for reconsideration. A desperate fight between the two factions of the California delegation, as to whether a State or national election for regent held precedence, at the morning session, added heat to the final battle of the

Mrs.-Mary F. Spilson, who was elected State regent of California in Washington, was confirmed by Kansas City, Mo., April 23.-The stork the congress, and the election of ernoon. The court adjourned at noon to ference on the Coast was discred-

WASTED WITH ANXIETY.

sion that the State alleges that Dr. Hyde the Daughters waited with anxiety for it from Washington, Pa., and death came ties from Washington, Pa., have been To support the contention of Dr. and the closing session. Repeated efforts were n a little while after he had been taken ant to reinforce the men already on Mrs. Hyde that they did not have dinner made by the regulars to introduce new

as a trained nurse, she did not make the you forget your little party differences entries on the nurse's charts until even- and don't mind where the chips fly. If ng after attending to a patient. Then you will forget what 'Mrs. Jones' or 'Mrs. he made them from memory, and de- Smith' wants, you will indorse this amend-

a court proceeding she would have spoke against the measure, though she admitted a State body should have the

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HAND WORSTED IN SPANKING.

Teacher May Lose Member Gouged with Boy's Lead Pencil, Oldforge, Pa., April 23.-As a result of Fallon, of Oldforge, near here, may lose the wrist, Miss Fallon is a teacher in ping a pupil a sharp-pointed lead pencil, which he held, penetrated Miss Fallon's hand and caused a deep wound.

WASHED ASHORE IN NAPLES. Body of American Girl May Be that

Blood-poisoning has set in and she is at

of Miss Estella Reid. Naples, April 23.-The body of a girl of bout twenty-two years, scantily dressed. was seen floating in the harbor here, and it was subsequently washed ashore. It has been identified as that of Miss Estella Reid, an American, who mysteriously disappeared from the Hotel Castello last Wednesday. The identification. however, is not yet absolutely certain. The girl was a beautiful blonde. Death s supposed to have been due to drowning. The body had been in the water only a few hours. An inquiry is being

held at the Hotel Castello Harris' Trial Postponed.

special to The Washington Herale Mannassas, Va., April 23.-The trial of Prof. J. D. Harris, accused of the murder of Editor W. A. Thompson, of Warrenton, which was set for next Monday in the Prince William County Court, has been postponed to June 13 on the request of the prosecution. The number of prominent attorneys and their other en-

Paulhan After English Prize,

Paris, April 23.-Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, is hastening to England to make an attempt to win the Daily Mail prize of \$50,000 for a flight from London to Manchester, Dubonnet, the French aviator, made a flight over Paris this afternoon, keeping above the Seine during most of the flight.

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